



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held May 11, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky:

“To bring attention to the tremendous need for community support for the thousands of youth in foster care, the month of May 2004 has been declared the ‘Los Angeles Foster Care Awareness Campaign.’

“In Los Angeles County, there are approximately 30,000 children in foster care. Most children stay in foster care only temporarily and are reunited with their families, but many remain in care for 2 years or longer, and some spend the majority of their childhood in foster care.

“While the Department of Children and Family Services assumes responsibility for the youth in foster care, our entire community bears the responsibility for helping to support and ‘parent’ these youth. Indeed, many foster youth have special needs that cannot be met through government funding alone.

“There are many ways for the community to support foster children. Adults can become foster parents or adoptive parents. There are volunteer programs, such as the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, mentoring, and tutoring programs. Donating a gift to help a foster youth meaningfully celebrate a birthday is another form of support.”

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Candace Owen addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed the month of May 2004 as "Los Angeles Foster Care Awareness Campaign" throughout Los Angeles County to bring attention to the tremendous need for community support for the thousands of youth in foster care.

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- Director of Children and Family Services

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- Director, Child Advocates Office of Los Angeles